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1. The 34th Sector H.Q. is located at Lubaczow in the former barracks of the 39th Infantry Regiment. In this Sector four Guard Posts (straznice) have been established.
2. The 35th Sector H.Q. is stationed in Przemysl in the former barracks of the 5th Infantry Regiment "Strzelci Podhalanski. In this sector there are four Guard Posts i.e. in Kainikow, Kalmaria, near Medyka and near Pikulie.
3. The 36th Sector H.Q. is stationed in Wolkowyja in the Carpathians, not far from the present Polish-Soviet frontier. The four Guard-posts belonging to this Sector are there.
4. The 37th Sector H.Q. is stationed in Baligrod together with the administrative platoon. There are four Guard Party in Cisna in the Carpathians, on the Czechoslovak frontier.
5. Billeting and working conditions in the various Sectors.
 - a. The 34th and 35th Sectors are fairly well provided with billets. Both HQs are billeted in barrack buildings which are fairly comfortable. Sanitary conditions are tolerable and transport facilities and medical institutions are adequate, especially for units stationed in Przemysl and its vicinity. Food is fair and billets are decently furnished. The personal hygiene of the men and sanitary conditions in barracks are of a satisfactory standard. The men are clean on the whole, and few are lousy.
 - b. Conditions in the 36th and 37th Sector differ greatly. The Guard posts are located in villages most of which were burnt and devastated. The billets are small and airless and the men overcrowded in their sleeping quarters. The civilian population is even more crowded together and lives under unspeakable sanitary conditions. All washing and laundry work has to be done in the river. Personal hygiene and sanitary conditions are appalling. Bedding is filthy, louse-ridden, and in rags. The men are exhausted and sleepless (they carry out ordinary duties by day and sentry duty by night.) They live in constant fear of an attack from the Bandera gangs. Both Sectors fight frequent battles, and put up a strong defense by night against attacking Bandera gangs. In these

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actions they suffer casualties in wounded and killed. Liaison with the other Sector Hdqrs. is frequently interrupted, telephone wires are cut, and the Bandera gangs prepare frequent ambushes on the roads, and attack small units of the G.O.P. Supplies of food and equipment are maintained with difficulty and frequently under dangerous conditions.

6. Supplies

Greatcoats are in good condition. Uniforms are of drill, ragged and worn out. At least 30 percent of the men wear uniforms which are unfit for use. Footwear is in an even worse state, half the men have worn out boots, many have their own footwear. Winter underclothes are in good condition. About 10 percent of the men have no sheets, a large number have no blankets. Uniforms, bedding and blankets are filthy. Rooms are mostly full of rubbish and filthy. The G.O.P. care nothing for cleanliness. Food is monotonous and insufficient, and has very low caloric content. Practically no vegetables are available.

7. Morale

Discipline is poor. Men are slack, and their attitude to their superiors lacks respect. Drunkenness is prevalent among officers and men. The men are dissatisfied. Most would like to go back to civilian life. They find the number of duty hours very exhausting. The civilians dislike the Frontier Guard troops; this is partly due to the fact that these units also carry out police duties.

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